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SUBJECT: MUGABE ARRIVES IN DAR ES SALAAM; COMMENTS ON
SETTLEMENT BY PEACEFUL MEANS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1936

1. DAILY NEWS OF MAY 26 REPORTED RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM
PREVIOUS DAY OF PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER ROBERT MUGABE.
AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID
ZIMBABWEANS HAD VAINLY TRIED TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE THROUGH
NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACEFUL MEANS. HE SAID HE FOUND AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S SPEECH AT UN MAPUTO CONFERENCE "HOLLOW". "I TRIED TO
LOOK FOR SHREDS OF HOPE IN IT. BUT THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE
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OPTIMISTIC ABOUT. NOTHING TO SHOW THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
WAS A TRANSFORMATION OF PREVIOUS AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ON THIS
QUESTION."

2. HE REJECTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SUGGESTION THAT METHODS
USED IN US CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE BE APPLIED. MUGABE SAID STRIKES,
BOYCOTTS AND SABOTAGE WITHOUT VIOLENCE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFULLY

TRIED.

3. DAILY NEWS REPORTED MUGABE IN DAR TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS ON MERGER OF PATRIOTIC FRONT FIGHTING FORCES. SUB-COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC FRONT BEGAN TALKS HERE MAY 23 IN CONTINUATION OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN DAR, LUSAKA, AND MAPUTO (REFTEL). ZANU HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY ORGANIZING SECRETARY SIMON MUZENDA, ACCOMPANIED BY ZIPA LEADER REX NHONGO. ZAPU IS REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL J. MSIKA.

4. TANZANIA NEWS AGENCY (SHIHATA) QUOTES ZANU REP IN DAR ES SALAAM AKIM MUDENDE AS SAYING SUB-COMMITTEE WAS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS WORK WHILE IN DAR ES SALAAM AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO FRONT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SOON AFTER.

5. COMMENT: PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON PROGRESS ON ZANU-ZAPU TALKS ON MILITARY MERGER. WE NOTE THAT, ESPECIALLY WITH ARRIVAL OF MUGABE, ZANU AND ZAPU REPRESENTATIVES AT PRESENT ROUND OF TALKS ARE MORE SENIOR THAN THOSE WHO ATTENDED LAST ROUND OF TALKS HERE WHICH ENDED MAY 6.

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